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## SJC Enters the White House

Saint Joseph's College is the proud home to much student talent. This semester alone we have three students who have successfully secured governmental internships, gaining important experience in the field of politics.

Junior Angela Williams will find herself working in the Indiana State senate in Indianapolis. After hearing Tricia Stratmen, the intern director from the Indiana State senate, speak in one of Dr. Charles Kerlin's classes here at SJC, Williams became interested in working there. Starting January 2, Williams will be interning for the Democratic Party. Williams will be assigned to a committee on crime, in addition to other committee work, and she will be required to attend the meetings this committee holds. She will be working side by side with senators from

all over the state, and will be providing constituencies to the public on behalf of the Senators. Interns are very important to the senators, as the senators rely heavily on the assistance interns provide; in fact, the staff will double due to interns. Williams stresses that it is not necessary to be well versed in politics in order to be an intern. "I don't know everything about politics, but I am still interested," she says, though she admits to feeling "intimidated by being the youngest intern on staff."

Williams is excited by her new internship. She comes from a family where politics is not closely followed; however, the legislative process intrigues her. "I get to see how legislation goes, step by step, from idea to law," she says.

Williams believes this internship will assist her in building up her resume, and help her to build connections for future refer-

ences. She hopes that she will be able to influence other SJC students by her experience. "I want to make younger students more aware [of the possibilities]," Williams says.

Another SJC student will be working in the exciting field of politics. Junior Eric Hall was accepted into The Washington Center, an internship facilitator service, which accepts college interns from all over the United States. Hall was encouraged to apply for the internship by Professor Bill White. White proposed the idea to Hall, who then did research of his own concerning the internship, and even wrote a letter of recommendation for Hall. Starting next semester, Hall hopes to be interning in one of his top choices: the White House, the office of either Sena-

tor Pete Visclosky or Evan Bayh, or the Department of Education. Hall knows he is "definitely placed," however he will not know where until the end of December. Hall knows he will go through a lot of programming as an intern, as well as have the chance to take in the historical side of Washington D.C. Hall will also be interacting with experienced Congressmen on a daily basis. While in

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Angela Williams, of the Democratic Party of the Indiana State



Eric Hall, of The Washington Center internship



Luke Hansen, past intern of Congressman

interning for U.S. Congressman Mark Green. His home office is in Appleton, Wisconsin, near Hansen's home. While there, he kept the Congressman informed about local news issues by reading the local paper, clipping articles of importance, and faxing them to the Congressman's office in Washington, D.C. It was important for the Congressmen to be aware of these issues so he could better serve and represent his

district. Hansen said that he "had a ball" working in the congressional office. While there, other tasks included filling out flag purchase sheets, answering the telephone and recording constituent concerns, and putting together financial aid information packets for interested college students. On one occasion, he even served as the Congressman's representative at a FEMA meeting, the federal organization that gives federal disaster relief money to weather damaged areas. He believes his time in the Congressman's office served him well. "It taught me that [politics is not about the] political game. It is about people; [subjects like] immigration, Social Security disability, and tax returns," says Hansen. "[Many] have a negative view of politics, but politics can be a very good thing."

## SJC's Library Gets a Technological Makeover

By Becky Scherer, News/Opinion Editor

Since the year 1989, the computer systems in the Keith and Kate Robinson Memorial Library have been providing the Saint Joseph's College community with such services as the online library system (circulation, online public access catalog), cataloging, and acquisitions functions. PALNI (Private Academic Library Network of Indiana), a friend to many researching students, has been an integral part of the SJC library system since 1993, though changing ownership several times. Though participating with

PALNI only as a sharing member for almost a decade, SJC has gone all the way in 2002 by becoming a full participating member. PALNI's Lilly grant made it possible for the library to receive two new computers in preparation for the new system, and library staff has begun training on the new system.



The real changes will commence after semester break, however. The library will receive four new computers in addition to the previous two, two to three new printers, and two to three barcode readers, all from PALNI's Lilly grant. The six database terminals will be replaced with computers, along with receiving two to three new laptop computers with wireless access to the campus network. By the time the new

academic year begins in August 2003, SJC faculty will receive training on the new library system. Training will be provided to SJC students by the way of an updated Freshman Seminar library tour and voluntary training sessions offered to non-freshmen students.

For more information regarding PALNI services, visit <http://www.palni.edu>. To read more about the SJC Keith and Kate Robinson Memorial Library, visit <http://www.saintjoe.edu/academics/library/lilly.htm>.

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# Drunkenness: A Rebuttal

With the sweeping changes that have hit campus this year, the popular thing seems to be to bash drinking, partying, and most other fun activities. The column in the last issue “..On Drunkenness on Campus” was a prime example of this sentiment. In this article, the author claims that he was “sucked into it [drinking], just like most freshmen.” This is ridiculous. The choice to drink here on campus—whether you are of age or not—is your choice. This isn’t high school and there is no peer pressure with people huddled around you chanting, “chug, chug, chug.” If you chose to drink on cam-

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Columnist

pus, it is your choice and you should have to deal with the consequences. As far as getting alcohol poisoning again, this is your fault. Maybe you should put down the bottle of Apple Pucker instead of trying to be the hero. The previous article also made the outrageous claim that “we are supposed to be the future leaders of our country and some of us are on our way to being alcoholics.” Intoxication in college is somehow going

to hinder our ability to lead in the future? Apparently someone forgot to tell Clinton this when he was passing the joint around the dorm room or to G.W. Bush when he was doing shots at Yale. These men were abusing substances and somehow managed to stumble across the Presidency. The article goes on to claim that this drunkenness is the reason that the world is “going to hell in a hand basket.” I don’t even feel that this ludicrous comment deserves a response. Bottom line, if you choose not to drink, fine, but do not “Rant and Rave” about others who choose to use alcohol without the poisoning.

## Concise Commendations and Complaints:

### Paws:

(Things We Like)

- \* ...to Janna Olberg for soliciting S.A. votes after the Thanksgiving dinner in the cafe. Thank you, Janna!
- \* ...to the Columbian Players for initiating the Candy Grams program to raise money for Avery Bell.
- \* ...to everyone who donated their time or assets to the Gallagher Charitable Society’s annual Christmas party.
- \* ...to everyone who has helped in the recent efforts to benefit Marge McIlwain.
- \* ...to Dining Services for starting the Taste of Home Program. Yum!



### Claws:

(Things We Dislike)

- \* ...to those who defiled the statue of Mary in front of the college over Thanksgiving break.
- \* ...to everyone who parks illegally in a lot they are not supposed to.
- \* ...to anyone who hasn’t started studying for finals yet. Get a move on!
- \* ...to everyone who hasn’t either signed away their cafe number or volunteered their help in another way to benefit Marge McIlwain.
- \* ...to anyone who hasn’t started Christmas shopping yet.

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## Rants and Raves by John Whelan

### ... On Janitorial Services

It has occurred to me that every single column I’ve written this year has had negative undertones. I stated in the first column I wrote that I would try to find some good things to write about. With that in mind, as well as a conversation I had with my dorm’s cleaning lady, Deb, I’ve decided that I would write this column.

Deb, along with every other member of the janitorial services team, does an incredible job. They are unsung heroes if ever there were any. When the urinals overflowed in Bennett Hall earlier this year, the

members of janitorial services were there to clean it up. They keep our living environment clean and livable, and they do a damn fine job of it. I firmly believe that these are some of the greatest people at Saint Joseph’s College. Every time I run into them, they have a smile on their faces and a warm, welcoming attitude to go with it. A few issues back, I wrote an column on the quality of life in the dorms. Somehow, somebody translated that into me saying that it was the fault of janitorial services, which was completely not my in-

tention. The people who clean our dorms do a fantastic job of it. They work hard to be sure that the places we live in are cleaned to the best of their abilities. It is not janitorial services’ fault at all that our bathrooms smell. They do clean in there—every day. It is not their fault that there is no air conditioning in some of the dorms; they want it there just as much as the rest of us. It is not their fault that there are bugs, they can no more control that than they can control the rain.

Let me take this opportunity to say

that said column had nothing at all to do with the fantastic people who comprise the janitorial services team. It had everything to do with how the administration approaches housing issues. These fine people have hard jobs, and receive less compensation than they truly deserve. At the very least, they deserve our respect. Help them by making their jobs a bit easier. Throw your trash away; don’t shoot off the fire extinguishers; try to keep the messes to a minimum. A nice pat on the back and a thank you every now and then goes a long way.

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## SJC Presents 12th Annual Theology Lecture

On Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, Saint Joseph's College hosted a theology lecture on campus. The keynote speaker was Professor of Sociology Dr. James D. Davidson of Purdue University, and was part of the "Rev. Rudolph P. Bierberg, C.P.P.S. Theological Lecture Series."

Recent water damage in the Gasper Center required a change of venue, so the lecture was held in the open space behind the altar in the chapel. According to senior Justin Walters, there were about seventy-five people in attendance; ten to fifteen of these were students, while the rest of the audience was composed of faculty and members of the community. Dinner followed the lecture, which gave those in attendance the chance to discuss their thoughts and opinions of what Davidson had discussed.

The focus of Davidson's lecture was the relationship between catholic laity, society, and the clergy. He talked

of the Church before Vatican II, the effects that Vatican II had on the laity, and present day members of the church who

have lived their whole lives in the post-Vatican II church. He then gave his predictions of what he sees as potential behavioral patterns of the catholic laity. Controversial is-

ssues within the church have caused some members of the church to alienate themselves from the clergy. Davidson cautioned the dangers of this kind of behavior; he said this could lead to the laity leading a life independent of the clergy. He emphasized the need for a "generation of peacemakers," where common ground is sought instead of resorting to ignoring the clergy.

For more information about Davidson and the Rev. Rudolph P. Bierberg, C.P.P.S. Theological Lecture Series, visit [http://www.saintjoe.edu/whats\\_new/announcements.html?id=1575](http://www.saintjoe.edu/whats_new/announcements.html?id=1575).

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Professor of Sociology Dr. James D. Davidson of Purdue University.

Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland.



Davidson speaks to interested community members at his lecture. Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland.



The symbol of the C.P.P.S. Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland.

## Habitat for Humanity Constructs More Than Just Houses

Slumber parties, roller-skating, a trip to the beach... hammers and nails? This Thanksgiving break, twelve students of Saint Joseph's College traveled to Rocky Mount, North Carolina as one of the many annual trips hosted by Habitat for Humanity, a national association whose goal is to "build homes, lives, and communities." Started in 1951 and currently run by Rev. Peter Gilliland, it constructs "simple, decent housing" for families who might not otherwise be able to afford adequate living arrangements through a combination of financial donations and volunteer work. The SJC chapter has been active through the Jasper County affiliate since 1991 and has grown to be one of the most active clubs on campus having hosted seven separate fund-raising events this semester alone. Events have included a grill raffle, Shack City, and the very popular Halloween dance, which they hope to make an annual event.

Students raise funds to travel both locally and nationally to help with

different Habitat construction sites. On their most recent trip to North Carolina, students helped install tresses for the roof of a new house among other tasks. Students were in North Carolina

for three days and four nights. More than just building a house, the students unanimously point to the building of friendships as the most rewarding part

of the club. Club member Kenny Shumard, sophomore, states that he appreciates the trips as an opportunity to "interact on a close personal level with people that I normally couldn't otherwise... you really get to see what people are made of. It brings a closeness not otherwise there." Newly elected Habitat vice-president, Stephen Kraemer, junior, agrees that tighter friendships are inevitable on Habitat trips. When asked to cite the best part of the trip, club members laughed and began to list events hardly related to the construction of a house: a pizza eating

contest, watching movies, Kraemer's first trip to the beach, and sleeping with all twelve students in one room among others. "Plus it was nice and warm in North Carolina," Kraemer adds.

Habitat for Humanity was founded on the national level based on the "theology of the hammer." Faculty sponsor Fred Berger explains, "we may all disagree as protestants, Catholics, Jews, and Muslims, but we're all out there swinging a hammer and putting up a wall." In short, "doctrine divides; service unites." Habitat is a non-denominational Christian association which preaches not only believing in Christian doctrine, but acting upon it. Habitat boasts construction in eighty-three countries with over 600 collegian chapters in the United States.

Though constructing houses is at the core of Habitat, Berger points out, "it's not just about putting a roof on a house. It's about how many lives you

can touch." He continues that with Habitat, "how can you be doing anything but God's work?"

Upcoming events include the eighth annual spring break trip which, this year, will take place in Covington, LA, just outside of New Orleans. Students will spend six days on the construction site, and one in the city seeing the sites of New Orleans. The group adopts a "work hard, play hard" attitude. The group is known for their diligent labor, but does not abandon the notion that this trip is for pleasure, too. When asked about spending the majority of his break doing community service, Shumard insists, "I don't see it as a sacrifice. I really don't give up that much. It's worth the satisfaction." With newly elected president sophomore Meg Perryman, the SJC Habitat chapter hopes to remain as active in the future as they have been in the past with upcoming trips and fundraisers to raise awareness and financial support for their club, which promotes the most worthy cause of all: friendship.

Scout Durwood  
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### Habitat for Humanity: Rocky Mount, NC 2002





# SJC Provides “Hope and Soap” for Children

Melissa Alba  
staff writer

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual National Covenant House Candlelight Vigil took place locally on December 5, 2002 at the Saint Joseph's College Chapel. The Covenant House is a privately-funded childcare agency in the United States that provides shelter and services to homeless and runaway youth. The Puma soccer teams, choir, and campus ministry all were involved with the program.

This year's theme of “Turning Hope Into Action” was aptly named, for many of the students and staff, as well as members of the community, were actively involved and contributed to the drive. The event was conducted by the Puma Men's and Women's Soccer Teams.

The local theme was “Providing kids with the hope and the soap to make a clean start with Covenant House.” Students collected toiletries

such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, and shampoo along with cash donations to help with the cost of shipping the items to a nearby Covenant House. The athletic teams had a table set up outside the cafeteria, but also went door to door for collections.

The program included representatives from the soccer teams

The Saint Joseph's College Concert Choir provided the music. The event also included members of the Rensselaer community, with a student from the elementary, middle, and high school all reading an essay. There was also a banner made to represent the mission and theme of the cause.

Despite the fact that there is

concept of this year's theme. This is the eighth year that the college has organized a candlelight vigil. There were twenty two other cities holding a similar vigil on the same day and time.

The Covenant House started in 1972. Since then, the childcare agency has expanded to Anchorage, Atlanta, Detroit, Fort Lauderdale, Houston, Los Angeles, Newark, New Orleans, Oakland, Orlando, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Washington D.C., and outside of the United States including Toronto, Vancouver, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Guatemala.

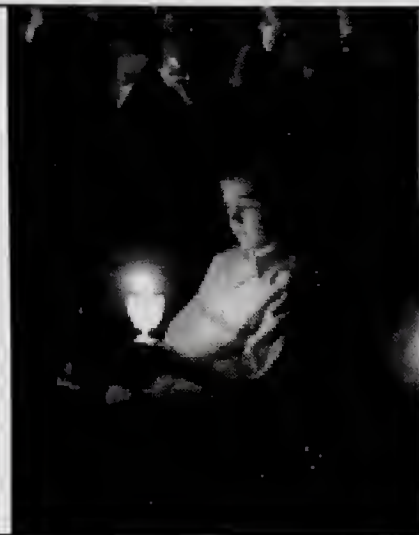
In addition to food, shelter, and clothes, Covenant House gives a variety of services to homeless youth like health care,

education, and job preparation



Candlelight Vigil

Photo courtesy of  
Father Tim McFarland.  
More photos of the vigil  
can be viewed on the  
Campus Ministry  
portion of the SJC  
website.



and campus ministry reading the “Letter from President Bush,” and scripture.

Covenant House existing in Indiana, Saint Joseph's College exemplified the

# Winter Formal Gets Students out of the Cold

Melissa Genova  
Editor-in-chief

Despite the condensation of hyperactivity, nervousness, and anxiety (read: ball of stress) that the average college student starts to experience right around this time, there is always a productive outlet for that energy. The Justin and Halas Halls of St. Joseph's College sponsored a dance that did just

Christmas theme, but some students felt that they had raised the standards from past formals. “I thought the decorations this year were awesome compared to some years past. I thought they did a really great job setting it up,” said Kris Dougherty.

The number of attendees amazed students such as junior Susan Kramer. “I thought there was a very nice turnout. It looked like people were really enjoying the opportunity to dress up and dance,” she said.

Although there was a good

required event, and many students instead decided to go stag. Many students would not let the fact that they lacked a date get in the way of showing off their footwork. “Although no girls would dance with me, I had a good time and danced with Gregorio Pulido,” said Mike Cocot.

Pulido, who DID have girls to

dance with, was able to have fun despite his footwork frenzies. “I am not a good dancer,” he said, “but I still had fun.”

Susan Kramer only had one criticism that she wants future planning committees of the formal to keep in mind: “My only complaint is about the buffet table – I wish they'd served cheese,” she said.

## Music Quickie: Foo Fighters - “One by One”

reviewed by: Alex Lisack

What in the world is happening? The radio is playing a song by a band that's worth the air time. That's correct - I am talking about the Foo Fighters. The band's fourth major release *One by One* has been quite popular so far. This new album is some of their “darker” work with a bit of a heavier sound than previous releases. Many say this is due to Dave Grohl's (guitar/vocal) drumming work on the new Queens of the Stone Age album. No matter what the new work was inspired by, we're all eating it up and asking for more.

So far the single from the album is a track entitled “All My Life”. The video for “All My Life” was directed by none other than Mr. Grohl himself, who decided to have the video set in an empty arena.

The past years have been quite good for the Foo Fighters, and I hope they continue to entertain their fan base with many more releases. In the meantime, go and pick up yourself a copy of the new album *One by One*, which includes access to songs covered by the band and the video for “All My Life”.

## Movie Quickie: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

reviewed by: Kim Roberts

For a huge *Harry Potter* fan like myself, this movie was a little, um, strange. The kids are all older, their voices are deeper, and everything seemed a slight bit overacted. Also, as with any sequel, they kind of had to make it so that the people who didn't see the first movie would still understand what the heck was going

on. That got quite annoying after a while. However, I would recommend this movie to anyone, *Harry* fan or not. It is exciting, creepy, suspenseful—everything that the first movie was and more.

P.S. Make sure you stick around until the end of the credits and you will get to see an extra scene!



Susan Kramer, Dan Schafer, and friends take a break from the dancing at the Winter Formal.

that for many students. At three dollars a person, five dollars for a couple, it fit into the student budget, as well. The annual Winter Formal was held in the Halleck Center Ballroom on December 9, the last weekend before students would have to cram for their studies. It was an opportunity for Pumas to put their formals and stilettos to use.

The ballroom was bedecked to fit the winter wonderland and

turnout, many students found out about the dance less than a day beforehand. “This was my first Christmas formal, and I thought the dance was good,” said Abby Thiel, “but it was last minute notice.”

One reason that Molly Irons decided to attend was because “It was a good release before finals week started.”

The unique thing about this formal was that it was not a couple



## Music Department Provides Spiritual “Feast”

*The Concert Choir and Jazz Madrigal Singers Entertain Community and College during the Christmas Season*

Natalie Lapacek  
staff writer

The Feast of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 8th was an event of both song and praising Christ. All kinds of music were incorporated into this program, from traditional to contemporary. There were nine scripture readings focused on Christmas, while chorus and instrumentation performed songs related to each passage read. The performances included the Jazz-Madrigal singers, the Trinity Belles, Dr. John and Anne-Marie Egan, and Melissa Genova with Andy Cool. Although there were no other choirs involved with the Feast of Lessons and Carols besides the Saint. Joseph's College Concert Choir, there were a few members of the Rensselaer

High School Chamber singers. The event took place in the chapel.

Planning for this year's Feast began right after the last year's ended. In planning for the event, there were many things that had to be done, which took a considerable amount of time. The preparations included many discussions, listening to different types of music, considering ideas, and planning the scripture parts for reading. The Trinity Belles were even asked to perform at the Feast back in the spring with follow-up discussions in the summer.

Marge McIlwain, assistant Vice-President for Academic Affairs, returned to SJC and involved herself in the festivities by reading Luke 1: 26-38, when the Virgin Mary finds out about her calling.

When choosing different songs and styles of songs to go into this performance, much thought was given

to diversity. Lauren Orchard, the choir director, wanted to make sure that there were different styles so the St. Joseph's College choir could develop their choral skills. There were also auditions open for anyone, whether in choir or not, who wanted perform a solo in the Feast.

Some songs that the choir sang were the contemporary “Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song),” the spiritual “Holy is the Newborn Child,” a modernized solo of “O Holy Night,” and a medley of traditional Christmas songs. The program closed with everyone singing “Silent Night” to candlelight.

What excited Orchard the most about this event was incorporating the different styles of music and then being able to share this music. He finds it thrilling when “the singers grasp a hold of a different style and enter into the feeling and intent of the author.” Orchard commented that he is “always aware that ‘traditional’ Christmas music

is the most ‘comfortable’ to sing but that as a college we must expand our sense of musical awareness.”

Lauren Orchard has been organizing the feast for the last two years of his SJC chorus career. The responsibility of planning and hosting the feast is a task that he found rewarding. He is very grateful to Dr. John and Anne-Marie Egan, both of whom have put so much into the Feast of Lessons and Carols. But Orchard feels that the greatest thing of all about the Feast is “that the students have such a wonderful ability to make music that touches the very fabric of the soul, that...as they sing...there is a sense of the very presence of God. Yes, there is a great amount of work involved in presenting the Feast of Lessons and Carols...there is also a great delight in presenting Scripture and music that touches lives.”

## “42nd Street” adds to Chicago's Holiday Traffic

Melissa Genova  
Editor-in-Chief

musical. During and after curtain call, the cast remained onstage to entertain the audience with an elaborate tap-dance routine.

The spectators could not seem to get enough of the dancing, as many were seen attempting to imitate the routines during intermission. “42<sup>nd</sup> Street had the best dancing that I've seen in awhile. If you were not sitting on the edge of your seat, then you were clapping,” said freshman Monica Beason.

Kraemer agreed. “It made me want to learn to tap-dance more,” he said.

Proof that Broadway and musical-theatre is more than just pretentious actors, cast members went out into the foyers immediately after the show to collect money for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, an organization built to fund HIV and AIDS research and related causes.

Between the theatre and the festive city, the students involved with the trip rated the experience high. “It was great to get out of Rensselaer for awhile, and the show was spectacular,” said Kristi Zurawski.

Rachel Lancaster, who is on the Travel Committee for the Columbian Players and helped plan the trip, agreed that it was a successful student outing. “It was the perfect evening in Chicago – Christmas shopping on State Street, dinner with friends, and a terrific show. And to top it off, I got to do it all with my closest friends! It was a great time and I hope to do it again sometime soon,” she said.

The touring Broadway revival of 42<sup>nd</sup> Street has everything that makes a musical great – tap dance, catchy songs, glitzy costumes, and a storyline to match. Students involved with the Columbian Players, St. Joseph's College's theatre group, had the opportunity to see the performance in Chicago on December 8. The trip was open to students outside of the club, however. Those who went also took advantage of being in Chicago during Christmastime by finishing up holiday shopping and exploring the elaborately decorated city.

One of Chicago's trademark Christmas traditions is the Marshall Field's window display. This year, it animated the story of Paddington Bear's Christmas. The window display and the German Christmas celebration across the way were two popular sites that students went to. Stephen Kraemer was among the students who ventured into the German Christmas setup, and felt it was one of the highlights of the evening. “[The decorations downtown] were great. The German Christmas was a lot of fun, too,” Kraemer said.

42<sup>nd</sup> Street was performed in the Oriental Theatre in the Ford Center, and it is one of the most popular Broadway shows. The storyline is about the rising star taking the place of the aging star, and the songs “We're in the Money” and “Lullaby of Broadway” are featured in the



Above: Scout Durwood, Allison Glidewell, and Melissa Genova in downtown Chicago.



Right: A chorus member collects money for Broadway Cares

## Top 10 Christmas Films ...according to Melissa.

There are a plethora of holiday films out there, many of them remakes of the classics. To save you time (and sanity) before watching Home Alone 3, or another bad remake of a classic Christmas film, here is a list of the cream of the crop. You can thank me later.

10. “Ernest Saves Christmas” - No, you aren't too cool to like this movie. Jim Varney, God rest your soul.
9. “Muppet Christmas Carol” – It really is a good comedic version of the Dicken's classic.
8. “Scrooged” – You can't go wrong with Bill Murray.
7. “White Christmas” – Yeah, I know. It's from your grandparents' time. But the Danny Kaye and Bing Crosby film is a classic for a reason.
6. “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” (1966 Burl Ives version) – It has everything : fantastic stop-motion animation, “Silver and Gold,” and misfits.
5. “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” (1957 cartoon) – If you're going with this film, go with the original.
4. “It's a Wonderful Life” – I really started to appreciate it once NBC stopped playing it every Christmas. Watch it in French – you'll get a new perspective.
3. “National Lampoon's Christmas” – Ah, memories. My neighbors have been trying to outdo the Griswald's for 10 years – with success.
2. “Nightmare Before Christmas” – Déjà vu!
1. “A Christmas Story” – You know you want a Daisy Brand Red Ryder BB Gun now. If you don't like this movie, just close the newspaper – NOW! You're making me mad.

Honorable Mention: “Jingle All the Way” – It's not a real Christmas if it's not spent with Arnold Schwarzenegger.

List compiled by Melissa Genova, Editor-in-Chief.  
Send all complaints her way.



## Andrew Crague: Observer Athlete of the Issue

Elizabeth Klocek  
Reporter



ing that he really knows his sport.

Crague sees himself as mentally strong when it comes to running, an opinion seconded by Coach Bill Massoels. Massoels commented that Andrew is a very focused individual and has an approach of success when it comes to the sport. He wants to win but he doesn't allow it to eat away at him. Massoels also commented that Andrew brought numerous tangibles to the team, one, that he is obviously a talented runner. But he has also brought several intangibles with him to the team as well, most prominent in Massoels mind, despite his laid-back appearance he has strong discipline.

Andrew finished 5th at an invitational this year, and also was the highest placer at regionals.

Despite his successes, Andrew says he only works out once in awhile by himself, otherwise it's just the two-a-day practices with the team during the cross country season. After Christmas the two-a-day practices will begin for the track season. In addition to cross country, track, and study table, Andrew also finds time to be a member of The Cause here on campus.



St. Joseph's College freshman Andrew Crague has been involved with cross country for five years now, starting when he was a freshman in high school. Crague is from Schererville, Indiana. While in high school he was able to qualify for State three times for track and twice for cross country, illustrat-

## Attention Coaches!

The Observer would like to acknowledge the accomplishments of the Saint Joseph's athletes. We will be accepting nominations for the "O.A.I" Observer Athlete of the Issue.

The O.A.I. should demonstrate skill both on and off the court. He/She should not only be a talented athlete, but a leader for the team.

If you would like to nominate a student, please contact Bridget Newman at [bnh3998@saintjoe.edu](mailto:bnh3998@saintjoe.edu). The O.A.I. will be featured in the most recent edition of the newspaper following their nomination.

## Congratulations to the Independent Football Alliance First and Second team members and the All-Academic Alliance honorees!

Four Pumas were honored as selections for The Independent Football Alliance 2002 All-Alliance First and Second Teams last week. were honored with selections.

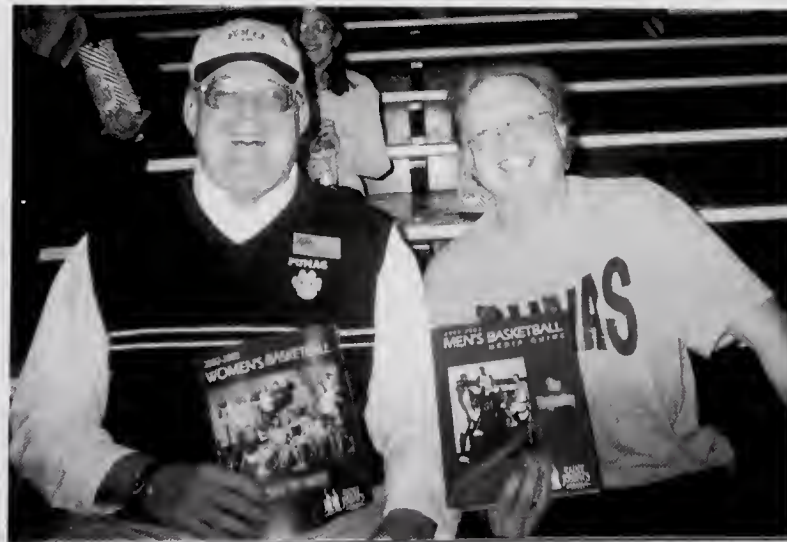
Defensive backs Rico Epps and James Perkins were named to the Defensive First Team, while halfback Marlin Murphy and kicker Brandon Deardorff were named to the Offensive Second Team.

The IFA also announced its All-Academic Team last week. Deardorff alsomade that team, along with defensive back Jason Funk, fullback Josh Dull and punter Justin Long.

*Courtesy of Clark Teuscher*



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## Men's Basketball: Hitting with their Best Shot

Sarah Bozenda  
Reporter

The men of Puma Basketball have hit the court with hopes for a positive and exciting season. With the entire coaching staff full of fresh faces, it would seem that the Pumas had a few hurdles to jump. However, senior Jermaine Crosby had nothing but praise for new head coach, Linc Darner. Crosby, a co-captain and returning starter, is very pleased with the way Darner is handling the team.

"It's cool that he has established a great relationship with the team," stated Crosby.

Coach Darner comes to Saint Joseph's as a replacement for former head coach, Ken Carrillo. Beginning at his alma mater, Purdue University, Darner's experience comes from assistant coaching positions at many schools, including; Murray State, Lincoln Memorial, and Ashland University. In his four years as a player at Purdue, he had a two-year stint as captain; the Boilermakers were 82-42. With many successful seasons already under his belt, Darner hopes to make a serious impact in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

It's not just the new head coach that the team is raving about; it's the entire staff. Assisting Linc Darner this season is: Burt Paddock, an assistant coach from Alexandria Monroe High School, Brett Macy fresh from Minnesota State University-Moorhead, and Emory Moore, a current Puma. Jermaine Crosby also stated how he thinks that a great team begins with a great coaching staff. He feels that good leadership trickles down from the top. Tom Kessinger, a freshman from Elwood, IN, describes the coaches as overall great people, seeming more like buddies than coaches.

Junior Jamie Holden is pleased with the fact that Coach Darner expects nothing less than 100% on and off the court. Holden feels that Darner is very organized and knows his basketball. Although his teammates and their opponents are quicker and stronger than those he faced in high school, Kessinger knows that the coaches and upperclassmen have been a tremendous help in preparing him for college play.

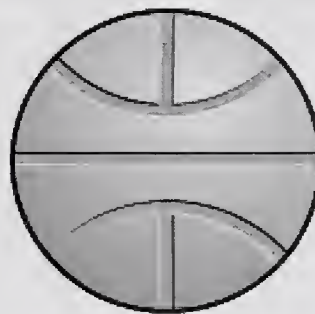
"The seniors and juniors helped a lot with the adaptation and they are cool guys to be around," Kessinger stated.

Jamie Holden praised the underclassmen for having an excellent work ethic, while Jermaine Crosby

noticed that the freshman have really stepped up to be a part of the team.

As for Puma expectations for the 2002-2003 season Jamie Holden has high hopes for the team, hoping to end up in the top half of the conference and to qualify for the NCAA tournament. The team's main goal is to get better every time they step out on the court. Holden put it best when he said, "We will be a lot more exciting to watch because we play as a team, not as individuals."

Please come support the men's and women's basketball teams!



## Women's Basketball: Determined to Win

Allison Segarra  
Reporter

Dedication, teamwork, struggle, compromise, and a lot of sweat has been put forth from this year's women's "Hoopsquad". These girls worked out during the off season to prepare for the strenuous practices that their coach has set up for them. They spent almost all of their Thanksgiving break conditioning and playing games. They have set realistic, attainable goals for themselves this season.

Captains this year are senior guards Whitney Avery (#12) and Karin Morrisroe (#24). Avery mentioned that her goal this season is not to be a "middle of the road" team. The girls need nine wins to make conference. Freshman guard Rachel Theodore (#15) made it clear that her goal is to play as a team.

The Lady Pumas have a new coach this season. Coach John Raff comes to SJC from Centenary College where he was head basketball coach. His goals for this season include increasing the number of wins, getting comfortable with his team, and "installing a system". With a new coach comes dramatic changes. The defense has quickened their pace, and the offense is becoming disciplined in their

choice of shots to be taken. Avery says that Coach Raff is tough; he pushes the team and so they are learning a lot from him.

The upperclassmen as well as Coach Raff have high expectations for their freshman players. Coach Raff said, "The freshman are doing very well. I expect all of them to be significant contenders." The upperclassmen agree that the freshman are "awesome" and they will play a big role in all of the games. Sophomore Jen Steele said, "The freshman are great, they are working hard and showing a lot of potential."

According to Coach Raff the Pumas' toughest competitors this year will be Southern Indiana, Northern Kentucky, and Central Missouri. The women's basketball team have already played and conquered four teams this season. Steele is extremely enthusiastic about the teams progress thus far. "We've come together so much and we are working harder than ever before. Being undefeated feels great!"

The next women's basketball game is set for December 14th at 5:15pm against Lake Superior State University. The girls encourage all students to come to the games and support the team. Their schedule can be found at: <http://www.saintjoe.edu/athletics/sports.php>.

### Quick Trivia:

How many members of the women's basketball team are 6 feet tall or higher?

\*\*\*The answer is also the number of wins the team had as of December 5th.

### Two School Records Broken

The Lady Pumas set two school records in the game against Lewis University. SJC made 14 three-pointers to eclipse the old record of 12, and Whitney Avery made seven three's on her own to top the previous mark of six.

Courtesy of Clark Teuscher

## Upcoming Basketball Games

Sat. Dec. 14th  
(M) (A) 3:00pm  
(W) (H) 5:15pm

Sun. Dec. 15th  
(W) (H) 3:15pm

Fri. Dec. 20th  
(W) (A) 6:00pm

Sat. Dec. 21st  
(M) (H) 7:30pm

Sat. Dec. 28th  
(M) (A) 3:00pm

Tue. Dec. 31st  
(W) (A) 6:00pm

Thu. Jan. 2nd  
(W) (H) 5:30pm  
(M) (H) 7:30pm

Sat. Jan. 4th  
(W) (H) 1:00pm  
(M) (H) 3:15pm

Sat. Jan. 8th  
(M) (H) 7:30pm

Sat. Jan. 11th  
(W) (H) 1:00pm  
(M) (H) 3:15pm

Thu. Jan. 16th  
(W) (A) 5:30pm  
(M) (A) 7:30pm

M-Men W-Women  
A-Away H-Home



If you are interested in writing for the sports pages contact Bridget Newman at [bnh3998@saintjoe.edu](mailto:bnh3998@saintjoe.edu)



## Top 5 Movie Quotes of the Week:

Compiled by Tim Hayes

5. *Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country*

"Four-hundred years ago, on the planet Earth, workers who felt their livelihood threatened by automation, flung their wooden shovels, called sabo, into the machines to stop them...hence the word: sabotage." -Lt. Valeris (Kim Cattrall)

4. *Once Bitten*

"Put down the cross, Robin. It only works in movies. Besides, I'm an atheist." The Countess (Lauren Hutton)

3. *A Christmas Story*

"Life is like that. Sometimes at the height of our reveries, when our joy is at its zenith, when all is right with the world, the most unthinkable disasters descend upon us." -The Adult Ralphie (Jean Sheperd)

2. *Airplane*

"Can you fly this plane and land it?" -Dr. Rumack (Leslie Nielsen)  
 "Surely you can't be serious." -Ted Striker (Robert Hays)  
 "I am serious, and don't call me Shirley." -Dr. Rumack

1. *Galaxy Quest*

"It's the simple things in life you treasure." -Fred Kwan (Tony Shalhoub)

Courtesy of www.uselessmoviequotes.com

## Useless Information

- \*You speak about 4,800 words per day.
- \*The underside of a horse's hoof is called a frog.
- \*Smokey the Bear's zip code is 20252.
- \*90% of bird species are monogamous, only 3% of mammals are

\*We have about 5,000,000,000 years of sunlight left.

\*You blink about 25,000 times a day.

\*The smallest number spelled with the letter 'a' is one thousand.

\*The English language makes over 600,000 words with 26 letters.

\*You breath 13 pints of air per minute.

Courtesy of Delia's catalog "When I rule the World," 1999.

## What D'Ya Know?

Prime Time Pets: Match the pet to the TV show:

1. Tiger
  - a. *The Brady Bunch*
  - b. *All in the Family*
  - c. *Frasier*
2. Santa's Little Helper
  - a. *South Park*
  - b. *The Simpsons*
  - c. *Alf*
3. Comet
  - a. *Growing Pains*
  - b. *Full House*
  - c. *Married with Children*
4. Murray
  - a. *Frasier*
  - b. *Who's the Boss*
  - c. *Mad About You*

5. Marcel
  - a. *Friends*
  - b. *Seinfeld*
  - c. *Cheers*

Answers:

1. a 2. b 3. c 4. b 5. a

Quiz courtesy of coolquiz.com

## - - What's That Line Again? - -

Did you ever listen to a song and hear one thing, only to find out later that what the lyrics actually are were a totally different thing? Well, you're not alone. Here are the misheard lyrics from some of your favorite artists' songs.

Song: *Sugar Magnolia*

Artist: The Grateful Dead

What They Heard: "She paints my chicken when I sleep."

Correct Lyrics: "She pays my ticket when I speed."

Song: *Mrs. Robinson*

Artist: Simon and Garfunkel

What They Heard: "Put it in your pants. You're with your cupcake."

Correct Lyrics: "Put it in your pantry with your cupcakes."

Song: *All I Wanna Do*

Artist: Sheryl Crow

What They Heard: "Until the sun comes up on a sentimental cup

full of lard."

Correct Lyrics: "Until the sun comes up over Santa Monica Boulevard."

AND OUR STUDENT RESPONSE:

Song: *Piano Man*

Artist: Billy Joel

What Jen Sherburne Heard: "Sing us a song yellow piano man."

Correct Lyrics: "Sing us a song you're the piano man."

\*\*\*\*If you have a song lyric that you've interpreted incorrectly, and you would like to have it in the Observer, email it to Susan Huss.\*\*\*\*

Source: *When a Man Loves a Walnut*, by Gavin Edwards.

## SJC Poet's Corner

## So Much to Ask

I want someone,  
 Someone that knows  
 When to be quiet  
 And when to counsel,  
 When to give space  
 And when to hold,  
 When to stand off  
 And when to soothe.

I want someone,  
 Someone who catches me  
 before I fall,  
 Someone who cures me  
 before I get sick,  
 Someone who straightens things out  
 before they're a mess.

I want someone,  
 Someone romantic,  
 Someone honest,  
 Someone poetic,  
 Someone devoted,  
 Someone understanding,  
 Someone apologetic,  
 Someone Compatible.

I want someone,  
 Someone always,  
 Someone unconditionally,  
 Someone constant,  
 Someone forever,  
 Forever, Forever,  
 Forever, Forever,  
 Forever into Eternity.

I want a man that's perfect.  
 Is that so much to ask?

~Susan Huss

\*\*\*\*If you or anyone you know is interested in submitting their poetry, cartoons, art or other creative expressions, e-mail Susan Huss at

shg3609@saintjoe.edu.\*\*\*\*

## When He Smiles

When he smiles  
 The world lights up  
 And me, especially  
 I see stars  
 'Cause of those lips  
 Like slices of a  
 Salmon sky  
 A tangerine treat for me every night  
 And every day that I want some of that  
 And that is every day  
 That I want him  
 When he smiles  
 My heart pounds fast  
 And I know what he's thinking  
 'Cause I'm contemplating, too  
 Where we're going to do what we want to do

Yeah the maps of our brains  
 Are laid out the same  
 We are cartographers  
 In well-known lands  
 Yeah we've got each other figured out  
 When he smiles  
 He makes it easy  
 To fall in love with his face  
 It's the kind you don't get  
 Tired of  
 Sick of  
 Bored of  
 Like a puppy that doesn't grow up  
 And he knows it  
 And he uses it  
 To tease me  
 And though you might think that's not a good thing  
 I assure you that it is  
 When he smiles  
 It's the sweetest thing I know  
 It's my favorite thing to show off to my friends

I love to make him laugh  
 So I can see those lips part  
 And that's when I know most  
 We're meant to be  
 How could we not be?  
 It's so very clear to me  
 Especially  
 When he smiles

~Bridget Newman

## a gardener's bud

a running river courses through the mind  
 as constant drumming from within sets a rhythm  
 eyes glaze over as events unfold slowly  
 a chamber door becomes ajar as footfalls echo  
 a blooming bud restlessly waits for its gardener's touch...  
 the loving rays of light enter the realm  
 the darkness inside is fading into nothing  
 for the caring arms of a savior cradle her  
 a forever slumber awaits, wanting to swallow her entire being  
 a hushed wind serenades the land as a keening wail  
 penetrates through the walls of a surrounded fortress;  
 a burning sensation blazes itself into a fiery ball of shameful thoughts...  
 repeated eternally until the arms of the One  
 who's been there arrives...  
 eradicating everything else except for the budding innocent and her gardener

~Melissa Alba